

Sub Committee

Lady Lennard-Lorimer proposed & Mr. Stirling seconded the resolution of the existing sub-Committees with power to co-opt members.

(Carroll)

on behalf of the Bristol Council

Conference 1908.

A letter from Mr. Varnell was read inviting the Executive Committee to hold the Conference of 1908 in Bristol in June. It was hoped that the date could be arranged for a week end.

Branches.

Birmingham reported satisfactory progress.

Finchley had bought Home Ed. Series for the use of members.

Harrow. A letter was read in which the local Secretary stated that the Branch was being checked at once.

Mr. Lock said he had under consideration as this was not permitted without the consent of the Exec. Committee & that the Secretary had written back to say that a new secretary would probably be found & the work continued.

Mrs. Handful (Brighton) Mr. Whyte (Edinburgh) Mr. Tomlinson (Sunderland)

all reported that the autumn programme was being arranged.

Mr. Whyte reported that she had come across the work of the Shipyard Settlement Branch, which was doing most excellent work.

New Branches

Johnstonbury. Mr. Stogge reported that progress was being made here & that the difficulty lay in deciding

between one large Branch or two or more smaller ones.

Bexhill. Letters from Mr. Seveston, Mr. Franklin & Mr. Schofield were read in which they agreed to try the best formation of a Branch at Bexhill. After much discussion it was decided not to withhold the consent of the Executive but to allow the Branch to be worked under the new regulations with a local Committee & Mrs. Parist as secretary. It was suggested that Mrs. Parist might go down & see how great the desire for a Branch really was.

Office News

Mr. Lock reported 9 new Central members & 5 new P.R. subscribers against one discontinued.

The Secretary said that Mrs. Lomax had asked permission to have the telephone number printed at the head of her newspaper if she paid a fee of £1.10 a year. It was decided to try this ^{arrangement} for a year.

Miss Parist's Tour

Mr. Franklin said it had been arranged that Mrs. Parist should visit Scunthorpe & the North during 1st week in October & ask if members had promised

then if they would get these to arrange drawing room meetings. She was also going to Sussex & Southampton. Lady Denne said possibly she could see the Vicar in W. her way & had a meeting, with a view to interesting people.

Oct 15. 1907. Helen Webb.

The Executive Committee, 26, Victoria St. S.W. October 15th 1907.

Present.

Miss Helen Webb (in the chair)

Mr Anson

" Devonshire.

" Fitz Roy

Mr. Franklin

" Howard Glover

Lady Louise Loder

Mr. Mackinlay

" McMaster

" Clement Parsons.

" Stirling

" Zimmerman.

" Lock. Sec.

Miss Parish (Ass. Gen. Sec.)

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

Arising out of the minutes Mr. Franklin said that she was going to Bristol on Oct. 30th when she hoped to talk over preliminary arrangements for the Conference. With regard to Bexhill a meeting had been arranged for Nov. 5th at which Miss Parish would speak, but that she still hoped

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that the meeting might not take place.

Apologies.

The Secretary announced that apologies for absence had been recd. from Lady Campbell, Mr. Rea, Mr. Whyte & Mr. Hurlan.

Finance.

The General Secretary stated that the balance in the bank was £52. 5. 6 and that the following bills were due to be paid so soon as the balance would permit.

Travelling Exp. (An-Gr. Sec.)	5. 8. 7.
Simpleni (P.N.S. Books)	25. 9. 4.
	2. 10.
Library Bureau (Card Index)	1. 13. 10
Brownlain (Stationery)	2. 5. 0.
Duckworth (Stationery)	40. 13. 6
Rigau Paul (Geo. Readers)	12. 9. 0
Cowell (Nature Note Books)	32. 13. 1
" (August. Parents Review)	5. 16. 8
Mason (School Fees)	20. 0. 0
General Sec. Salary.	5. 16. 8
An-Gr. Sec. Salary	10. 0. 0
Clark's Salary.	5. 8. 4
	<u>£164. 7. 4</u>

Correspondence.

at Mr. Broadfoot, (Paris) asking for terms for supplying the Parents Review to missionary workers in Paris, Mr. Lock said she had undertaken to supply the Review at 5/- a head of 6 subscribers, were obtained.

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b) Mr. Rayner, who owing to her inability to attend Committee meetings regularly, with great regret tendered her resignation. Regret at this decision was expressed and the General Secretary was requested to ask Mr. Rayner if she would kindly consent to serve until the meeting of the Council in May.

(c) Mr. Reuss expressing her appreciation of the Parents Union School.

(d) Mrs. Seddon Clark (Church Allerton Girls School) who wrote to the Working of the Parents Union School, Mr. Lock had seen Mrs. Clark and it had resulted in Mrs. Parikh going to Leeds on her Northern Tour.

(e) Mrs. Smith (ex-student) who hoped that later a Branch could be formed at Ramsgate.

(f) Mrs. Yates secretary of Educational Health and Food Campaign asking the P.N.U. to support the Scheme with the name of the Society - this involving no financial outlay. It was decided not to do this without further knowledge of the Society and the Secretary was instructed to write for pamphlets giving details.

19) Mrs. Waters County School for Girls, Bromley to the An-Gr. Sec. asking for the support of

The P.N.U. is trying to obtain a due proportion of women officials on the Board of Medical Inspection of Schools, in order that girls and infants should be examined by women doctors (rather than men). After a full discussion of this matter Lady Louisa Loder proposed and Mr. Devonshire recorded that a letter, written and signed by the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the P.N.U., should be sent to the Board of Education urging ^{the importance of} the appointment of a due proportion of women on the Board regulating the medical inspection of schools.

(h) Working Gentlewomen's Journal in which an article has recently appeared advertising the Craft School Circle, which is a correspondence school ^{apparently} run on exactly similar lines to the P.U.S. as organised by Mrs. Mason. The Craft School Circle is organised by a former lecturer of the Home Education and an ex-student but in the published article no acknowledgment of indebtedness to Mrs. Mason as the originator of the scheme was made. The Committee discussed the advisability of approaching the co-principals of the school to ask them to acknowledge publicly their indebtedness to Mrs. Mason. After discussion it

was decided not to do this but as Mr. Blake Thompson's suggestion, to write an article for the same journal dealing with Mrs. Mason's Scheme showing that herself was the originator of the movement and that any other correspondence school is merely an imitation.

Miss Parish's Report.

Mrs. Parish reported that she had left London on Sep 30th & had visited the following places in the order named.
Derry. A Branch meeting, only 15 members were present. a sleepy meeting with little enthusiasm.

Watford. Another Branch meeting, 20 present, very enthusiastic meeting.

² Buxton. Not so successful, the meeting being organised in a somewhat casual manner, but the ladies showed themselves very sympathetic and displayed much interest in the P.N.U.

¹ Huddersfield. 25 people present there were four new members, many of the Home Education Series were sold and there was a general desire to form a Branch.

Sheffield. good meeting, about 20 people present. They would like to form a Branch, but consider 10/- subscription too much. It was pointed out that this was the most-worthwhile subscription. Two members joined.

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Matlock. Good meeting, 20 present. Mr. Storr Fox of Bakewell spoke most sympathetically of the work. 2 new members.

Disley. 20 present, enthusiasm was shown and it is desired to start a P. U. S. Class in the town. It was considered that a Branch at Manchester would serve the district including Disley & Rochdale.

Leeds. Mrs. Parish visited the Chapel Allerton Girls School with a view to securing the mistresses and re-introducing the P. U. S. it seemed improbable that they would take up the scheme.

Foley. Not successful, only five people being present. The Vicar who took the chair spoke at such length that Mrs. Parish had only half an hour left to speak in.

Middlesbrough. 30 present, a good meeting, very enthusiastic. a desire was expressed to start a Branch.

The General Secretary said that since the meeting she had received a letter from Mrs. Dickson asking for particulars re the formation of a Branch.

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Gusborne. A good meeting - 30 present. the new members. The year had resulted in ten new members and after deducting expenses, the profits accruing from members' sale of literature and lecture fees was over £5. The Hon. Bro. Barclay announced that the following future arrangements had been made for Mrs. Parish.

Baywater, Cuckfield, Lindfield, Richmond, Wadhurst, Bosham, Havant, Chichester, Harpenden, Boxhill, Guildford, Winchester, Southampton, Belgrave, Blackheath and a course of "Talks to Nurses" at Brighton.

Old Branches. Birmingham reported 120 members.

Funchley a good annual meeting at which 10 fathers has been present.

Harrow. Was still working without charge. Secretary.

Johannesburg. Had 18 members subscribing for the Review.

New Branches. Hobart had made a start with seven members.

Office News. The General Secretary reported 30 new members against 4 resigned and 7 new subscribers to the Parents Review against 2 resigned.

The date of the next Committee was fixed for Nov 14

Eda Howard Glover.

The Conference Committee, Nov. 12th 1907 11.30 a.m. 50, Rochester Ter. W.

Present. Mrs. Franklin (in the chair)

- " Fitz Roy
- " Howard Glover.
- " Clement Parsons.
- " Whitaker Thompson.

Mrs. Webb.

Mrs. Lock (Secretary)

Before the beginning of the meeting Mr. Walter Rea & Mr. Whitaker Thompson were by general consent co-opted as members. Mrs. Franklin announced that she had also asked Lady Charles Tennant to serve but had received no answer. Lady Emily Lutjens had been asked & had refused.

The minutes of the next meeting were read and confirmed.

Conference 1908.

Mrs. Franklin said that she had been to Bristol & had seen the Bristol Committee who were most enthusiastic and hearty - like Mrs. Gilmore Barnett was in the chair and she found Mr. Dard, Mr. Tuckett & Mr. Fisher all extremely keen members.

The dates most suitable were June 12th - 16th and the Academy had been offered for those dates for £15.15.0 these terms to include heating, lighting etc. & use of the room & wanted on Sunday. It was decided to ask Mr. Hannell to at once engage the rooms.

The Bristol Committee would undertake to obtain a good general Committee. & would find hospitality.

It was decided to fix the price of tickets at Season 3/- Day 1/6 Single meetings 1/- and to make the regulation that Season ticket holders only should be admitted to the receptions & garden parties.

The advisability of having a handbook similar to that issued by the N. U. W. W. was discussed, & was decided to obtain an estimate as to probable cost before final settlement. If this is done an effort ^{would be made} to obtain the names and addresses of those attending, ~~would be~~ in Mr. Lock proposed that the tickets sold should have a perforated card attached which could be filled up with details of addresses & forwarded to the Joint

Programme.

Mrs. Franklin said that she proposed that Dr. Greville Macdonald should be asked to repeat his lecture (already given at the Hyde Park Branch) entitled

"a Childs Inheritance" which had been a beautiful and inspiring lecture and which would form the keynote for the whole Conference. It was decided to ask D. Macdonald to repeat this.

The following programme was drawn up, -
Motto (Suggested by Mr. Clouston Parsons.) "I love all that thou lovest; Spirit of Delight!" Shelley.

Friday.

3. Address of Welcome. Duchess of Beaufort.

Lord Mayor in the Chair.

Reply Lord Lytton.

8. D. Greville Macdonald.
at the Grammar School.

Sunday.

Morning. Bishop of Bristol. at Cathedral. Evening Vicar of St. Mary Redcliffe
at his own Church.

Monday.

10. Session

2-30. Session

8. Reception at Ceylon College.

Saturday.

10-1. Session.

2-30. Geological walk

Archaeological walk

4-30 Garden Party. Ladykells

8. Session. W. Tomlin

Tuesday.

10. Session

2. Session

5. Mrs. Sheddock.

It was decided to ask the following speakers pointing out to them that joy in living was at the underlying thought of the Conference.

Mr. Spence on the "enthusiasm for humanity."

Mr. Temple Spiritual joy.

Mr. Tomlin a class of children for singing.

Mrs. Macadam P.N. 3-4 and the poorer classes.

" Abraham

" Haldane. Philosophy

Mr. Sadler - Intellectual joy.

" Clausen Joy in Art.

" Dargh to be asked to speak at the last-

Session and draw together the threads of the Conference striking somewhat the same note as D. Macdonald at the opening lecture.

It was suggested that Prof. Lloyd Morgan & the Bishop of Hereford should be asked to take the chair.

The Bristol Committee have expressed a desire that Mrs. Parsh should speak to the Brand in March & that she should hold various drawing room meetings in the ^{surrounding districts} neighbourhood with a view to interesting people in the neighbourhood and selling conference tickets.

H. Jarman

Dec 14th 1907

The Executive Committee, 26 Victoria Street. Nov: 12th 1904 at 3 p.m.

Present.

Mr Howard Glover (Chair)

" Anson.

Mr. Franklin.

" Mackinlay

" Mr Master.

" Clement Parsons.

" Stirling

" Whitaker Thompson.

D. Helen Webb.

Mr Lock (See)

Minutes.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Arising out of the minutes Mr. Franklin said that Sir Robert Mordaunt had replied to the letter re Medical Inspection that he was entirely sympathetic. The question of the Craft School Circle again arose. Since the last meeting Mr. Broadmead had written to the Working Gentlewoman's Magazine but the letter was not inserted and that there was an article in the magazine on Handicrafts by Mrs Hodgson. Mr. Franklin had written a letter to the morning post

* Mr. Lock announced that Mr. Raynor had consented to serve on the Soc. until May.

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in answer to ^{an article} that appeared in Curriculum in Preparation Schools. I told Mr. Weyland Webb had sent a letter suggesting that the Craft School were doing valuable work, Mr. Franklin's letter called attention to the P.U.S. & the founder of the scheme, Mrs Mason, but it had not been inserted.

It was decided that some steps should be taken to induce the Co. Principals to acknowledge their indebtedness to Mrs Mason and to this end it was agreed that Mr. Franklin should write a letter to Mrs Hodgson, on behalf of the Committee and ask the Chairman to sign it.

ApologuesFinance.

The Gen. Sec. announced apologies from W. Haslam Mr. Rayner Mr. Rea " Whyte. It was stated that the balance in hand was £50 and that cheques would be drawn for the following amounts as soon as the balance would permit:-

Simpson 44-11-0. Lovell 32-13-0. Salaries £21-5-0

Correspondence.

- a. Mr. Jardine asking for pamphlets for a Nurses Bazaar. It was decided to send 30 Through Training and 20 Home Training.
- b. National Congress of Mothers asking for a P.N.S. W. Representative to be sent to their first Congress to be

held at Washington in 1908 D. Webb said she thought she might find someone ^{of about her age} ~~her~~ ^{to} ~~hold~~ ^{hold} a friend of hers willing to act as representative.

Conference.

The Hon. Brq. Sec. announced that the Conference would be held at Bristol from June 12-16th & that the programme was being drawn up.

Ass. Brq. Sec. Report.

Mr. Franklin in Mrs. Pank's absence read the following report of the meetings held by her during the month. Gloucester Nov. 1. Only 10 out of an invited 60 present.

The P. U. S. discussed the work of the Union that appealed the most to those present.

Hampstead Nov. 4. Demonstration picture talk. (Mr. Stone said this was admirably well liked).

Benjes Nov. 5. Benjes School. went to try and convert Mr.

Spencer Hayward to the P. U. S. He liked the scheme but was hindered by examinations ^{in the school}.

Gloucester Nov. 8. 25 present. much enthusiasm, two new members.

Bayswale Nov. 17. Discussion on obedience.

Chickfield Nov. 18. Meeting at Mrs. Gray's School a wet day and the meeting was badly attended but one lady (young unmarried) joined with answer to

becoming a qualified member and working amongst the poor in District visiting and mother meetings. Another lady will probably send her daughter to the Home Education.

Leedsfield Oct. 19. A good meeting. Lady Chichester in the chair. Great desire for a Branch was expressed.

Mrs. Cumberley was the secretary. ^{6d 24} Kew. The Branch being at a low ebb it was thought good to be reminded of the Principles & work of the P. M. S. U. A great deal of discussion ensued. The Secretary Mr. Swift would much like to introduce P. U. S. into his curriculum but finds the difficulties too great.

Wadhurst Oct. 25. At Mrs. Leach's School in the morning lectured to Classes II & III on "Studies Serve for delight for ornament & ability." The afternoon meeting was well attended. People seemed quite decided to join but on second thoughts changed their minds.

Cosham Oct. 26. All very enthusiastic and wanted at once to become members keep nature Note Books & have students.

Havant Oct. 28. Well attended meeting sympathetic audience. Two new members.

Nov 11th Manchester. Well attended meeting.

Mrs. Franklin at the conclusion of the report read several letters written to Mrs. Paus expressing appreciation of her lecture and saying what a help she had been to them many of those present.

As a result of Mrs. Paus's visit to Sheffield a letter was read from Mr. Gommans & Mr. Vessey who wished to start a Branch.

Mrs. Franklin said she had arranged for Mrs. Paus to visit the following places; Palsong Blackheath, Belgarda Bughton. Harrow.

New Branches.

Mrs. Franklin said that when at Manchester as delegate to the N. U. W. W. she had an opportunity of talking about starting a Branch at Manchester to Mrs. Paus and with Mr. Clegg who was willing to undertake the Secretaryship. Mrs. Paus promised to take the chair at the first meeting. On further investigation it was found that Mr. Mackintosh who had been at the Bughton Conference would be the person who would help Mr. Clegg - but Mr. Mackintosh had not cared about the subject of Mrs. Franklin's paper nor of Mrs. Paus's and therefore did not wish either to be the speaker at the opening meeting. It was decided to ask Mr. Secker to speak. Mrs. Paus to take the chair & Mr. Secker to go down to represent

the Branch.

Branches.

Brentford reported that the subscription had been lowered to 2/6.

Richmond was trying to create great interest. Proposed holding an exhibition (3 days) in November. It had been arranged that Mrs. Paus should go down to explain the exhibits.

Northwood. Reported an increase in interest.

Liverpool sent an interesting programme & notified change of Secretary.

N. Finchley was flourishing Mr. McElroy reported and the Talks to poor mothers by Nurse Hodgson had proved a great success.

Hobart. has started with 9 members.

Brighton. Mr. Pauson, Branch Secretary had spoken to quite a good meeting.

Northwood. Mrs. Webb had spoken to a meeting of about 30 but the Branch was in a moribund condition, she had been to find a new Secretary but so far had been unsuccessful.

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Mr. Franklin read letter from

(1) Mr. Edwards to Mrs. Mason asking if there was any French edition of Home Education & Mr. E. suggested that Mr. & Mrs. Bergner of Lausanne should be asked to make one.

(2) Mr. Lutostawski of Poland asking permission to publish a Polish trans. of Home Education and asking Mrs. Mason for a special preface intro. It was proposed that Mr. Franklin should suggest a Branch be formed and applied to the Union.

(3) Mr. Besenfelder (Berlin) who had come across a stray copy of the Parents Review & who wished to know if the periodical was still published. She also wished for particulars of the P. U. S. Mrs. Mason had replied to the question but it was thought that Mr. Franklin might be able to arrange for a Branch in Berlin.

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The General Secretary reported 33 new Central members & 4 subscribers to the Parents Review against one resigned.

The date of the next Committee was fixed for Dec. 18th at 4 p.m.

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The Secretary said that she had recently gone carefully into the question of advertisements and she found that the Commission paid to Shiel together with the cost of printing the advertisements amounted to more than the amount of money received through them and the question therefore arose as to what steps should be taken in the matter. It was decided that Mr. Lock should interview Shiel and see what could be done.

V. Franklin

Dec 18. 1907

The Conference Committee 26 Victoria Street S.W. December 18th 1907. 3 p.m.

Present.

Mr. W. Frankless.

Lady Campbell

Mr. Gerald Campbell.

Mr. FitzRoy.

" Howard Glover.

" Clement Parsons.

Mr. Whitaker Thompson.

Mr. Helen Webb.

Mr. White.

Mr. Lock (General Sec.)

Mrs. Parish. (As. Org. Sec.)

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Apologies

It was announced that apologies had been received from Mr. Daniel Lord Lytton & Mr. Haslam.

Correspondence.

Mr. Frankless read a most sympathetic letter from Lady Tennent, in which she said she regretted she must refuse to serve on the Committee.

Refusals.

Refusals had been received from Mrs. Haldane, Mr. Temple, Mr. Clausen, Sir Chas. Stodroyd, Mrs. Macadam.

Programme.

Prof. Sadler asked that he might decide later to choose a subject after the Conference programme had further shaped itself.

Mrs. Abraham had accepted but as her title did not seem exactly suitable it was decided that this must be further discussed at a later date.

It was announced that Dr. Gullie Macdonald was to speak on June 12th at 8.0 or 8.30. Archaeological & Geological walks were being arranged for June 13th at 2.30. ~~Mr.~~ Tomline Demonstration June 13th at 8.

June 14th In the evening the Rev. J. Primatt preached in a Vicar of St. Mary's Rediff would preach in his own Church. June 15th Dr. J. O. Symes. at 10.30 at 3.45 Mr. C. H. Spence on "The Teaching of Girls". Evening Reception at Clifton College. On June 16th at 2.45 Mr. Davis promised to give the closing address & at 5 o'clock Mrs. Shedlock would lecture.

It was decided that Mrs. Parish should speak on Joy in Cult. having after her paper a demonstration class. Mr. White undertook to approach Mr. Sadler to give a paper on it. It was decided to ask Mrs. Paula Sharp or failing her Mr. Rakes to speak on the Spiritual side - It was proposed that Mr. Maynard should be asked to speak on

on Literature & that feeling her Lord Linton should be asked to suggest some one.

The question of the hour of the first morning paper was discussed, Mr. Howard Glover urging that whatever hour was decided on should be strictly adhered to & that there should be no impunctuality as in former years.

Handbook.

Mr. Franklin read a letter from Mr. Fisher saying that he could make arrangements for the handbook as follows.

500 copies £6

1000 " £10.0

In both cases the contracting firm would receive any profits accruing from advertisements. It was decided to print 1000 and to charge 2d per copy.

Mr. White proposed that notes on the lives of the speakers should be inserted in the Handbook, this it was decided to do.

Lady Campbell said she thought Mr. Napier Miles who lived at Kemp Weston might be willing to give a Garden Party.

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The Executive Committee 26 Victoria Street S.W. Dec: 18th 1904. 4 p.m.

Present.

Mr. Wm. Franklee (in the chair)

Lady Campbell

Mr. Gerald Campbell.

Mr. Fitz Roy

Howard Glover

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Mr. Clement Parsons. Mr. Whitaker Thompson.

Dr. Helen Webb.

Mr. White

Mr. Zimmerman.

Mr. Lock (Gen. Sec.)

Mrs. Parish (Ass. Gen. Sec.)

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read & duly confirmed after two alterations.

Co-opted members.

The question of co-opting a member in place of Mr. Spoke woods who is at present abroad was discussed. Mr. Lock suggested that because there were eight members in the hall it was decided to leave the matter. Mr. Franklee asked that she might be allowed to bring her eldest daughter to Committee meetings in order that she might hear what the Society was doing - as later she would probably go to meetings with Mrs. Parish. It was unanimously decided to allow Mrs. Franklee to attend.

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Apologues were announced from Luce Lytton, Mr. Haslam, Mr. Trenchard, Mr. Rayner.

Finance.

The following financial statement was read, -

Cash in Bank	60. 12. 10.	Less Salary	5. 16. 8.
" Stand.	20. 4. 4.	Ass. by Sec. Sal.	10. 0. 0.
		Clerks Salary.	5. 8. 4.
		Bal. in hand.	5. 9. 12. 2.
			£80. 17. 2

It was decided to raise the clerks salary from £65 - £72. Mr. Franklee said she was an excellent clerk and certainly ought to have the rise.

Correspondence.

- Mr. Gardner, Friends meeting Home Clerkwell, asking for help in giving talks to a mother meeting. Mrs. Webb offered to go as did also Mrs. Parish. Mr. Lock suggested that because there were eight people to talk on games & songs.
- Mr. Stalley asking for the support of the Union on the question of pure milk supply. The Society was instructed to state that the Union was in sympathy with the movement to obtain pure milk.

- (c) Mr. Harrison expressing her appreciation of Mrs. Mason's
booth.
- (d) Mr. Jory asking that Mr. Baldwin of America who
would be in England for a short while should
be given opportunities of coming into touch with
London Educational work.
- (e) Marshall publishers' agents who desired to
obtain the publishing & dispatching of the Parents
Review - it was decided to make no change in
existing arrangements.
- (f) Mrs. Broadfoot (Care), who wished to take in the
Parents Review & who intended to share it with a
C.M.S. worker in Bethlehem.
- (g) Reports from several letters to Mrs. Mason were
read in which the writers expressed their gratitude
for the help received through the Parents Review School.

Deputation from
Branches.

A letter ^{was recd} which had been sent by the Brondesbury Branch
to the Hampstead & Richmond Branches in which various
complaints to the working of the Union were made -

It was decided that the Brondesbury Branch should
be asked to send a deputation of three members to
discuss the various points raised, to ^{meet} the Executive
Committee.

Propaganda
meetings.

Mrs. Paust reported meetings at Wichester, Hythe,
Berkhamstead, Belgrave, Blackheath, Palmip, Harrow & a
course of 4 lectures at Brighton. Her last one
did not consider successful as she was handicapped
by the fact that both mother & nurses were present &
that the time was rather at a loss - with regard to
Harrow it had been decided to have Stennell &
Northwood separate Branches and to hold a
meeting of all members and friends at Northwood
late in January. When it was proposed that Lady
Campbell should speak & Mr. Franklin take the
Chair. Mrs. Paust then asked for the Committee's
attention while she discussed her own work & showed
the impossibility of her being able to give any
elementary assistance in the office. She pointed out
that during the 3 months she had been in the office
she had spoken 34 times, had paid 2 visits to
Beyers, spent two days at Northwood, visited the
volunteer at Richmond 2 days & attended as a
lecturer 4 P.M.P.U. Branch lectures, leaving her with
22 free days of which some had naturally been used
in preparation. She found that under these circumstances
it would be quite useless to consult her for elementary
assistance in the office as she felt that for days

should go in visiting schools and studying other educational methods. It was agreed that other clerical help would have to be supplied & the measures which this should be done was discussed. Mr. Lock said she would unofficially prepare the arrangement formerly made in the office namely that extra help should be secured at their expense at the rate of 1/- per hour. The Committee however decided that this was an extravagance and it was thought that someone could be secured who would work permanently for half a day for a very small salary. Mr. Fitzroy & Mr. Clement Pansons had heard of girls who would or had worked for the Turner Book Club and other firms who paid small salaries and they were asked to inquire into the matter & see if anyone could be secured.

Considered minute allow
to Mr. Franklin's satisfaction
The Committee felt that
considering the current
rate of salaries for
unskilled clerks it
would be more advantageous
economical to have a
girl for a half day
permanently than to
have more skilled
work temporarily.

Agenda Cards.

Mr. Franklin said she had felt for some little time that the present agenda card was unattractive & if other members felt the same she thought it would be well to have just ones printed. The feeling of those present being in favour of the card now in use it was decided not to reprint.

It was decided after a statement from the General Secretary to make no change at present.

Advertisements

The hour given late & was decided to postpone the rest of Mrs. Pansons' report, also the reports of Branches.

6th News

The General secretary announced that 20 Central members & 20 subscribers to the Parents Review had retired & that there were 17 new members & 4 subscribers to the Parents Review.

Two books had been given to the Library by Mr. Venz, who had also contributed 10/- to the Propaganda Fund. Mr. Lilliet had given £1.10 & half of his farm.

Jan. 28 was suggested as a possible date for the next meeting of the Executive.

H. Franklin
Feb 4. 1908

The Executive Committee 26 Victoria Street S.W. February 4th 1908 at 3 p.m.

Present:

Lord Lytton. (Chair at 3.45)

Mr. Frankley (Chair for 3-3.45)

Lady Campbell.

Mr. Carson.

Mr. Fitz Roy.

" Howard Glover.

Mr. Haslam.

Mr. Longsdon.

" Mackenzie.

" Clement Parsons.

" Rayner Mr. Walter Rees.

Mr. Helen Webb.

Mr. Hamilton.

Mr. Lock (General Secretary)

Minutes

In the absence of Lord Lytton Mr. Haslam proposed & Mr. Rees seconded that Mr. Frankley should occupy the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, an objection being made to the minute re clerical help it was decided that this should be altered subject to Mr. Frankley's satisfaction after the meeting, and the minutes were then signed by the chairman.

Apologies.

Apologies were announced from Lord Lytton, who hoped to attend later, Mr. Carson & Lady Helen Lacey.

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Finance.

The following financial statement was read,

Assets.Liabilities

Cash in Bank 97 15 5

" " 6/10 39 0 0

£ 136 15 5

Bowell 40 19 10

Ed. Bureau 4 9 6

Bruges 11 7 6

Bal. in hand 79 18 4

£ 136 15 5

Correspondence.

Correspondence was read from,

(a) Mr. Street stating that the firm was glad to hear that the Committee had decided to continue the existing agreement & that they would do their best to secure more advertisements.

(b) Mr. Halsey thanking the P.N.S.U. for their support.

X Arising out of the minutes Mr. Frankley said she had seen a good deal of Prof. Balthus, and that an excellent paper of his was in the February Parents Review - he said he had spoken to the Edinburgh Branch and that it was the best Educational meeting he had addressed in England.

Mr. Glover said she had written to the Brondesbury Secretary re a deputation & the reply had been that they were not yet ready as they awaited reports from other Branches.

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- (c) Mr. Herbert General Secretary of Foreign Affairs for China acknowledged on behalf of the Emperor the gift of the Home Education Series sent in 1906.
- (d) Mr. Shepherd Sidcences School Bexhill, who had placed his school on the register & who had engaged Mr. Edwards to teach.
- (e) Mr. Harris (Germaniston) who enclosed a cutting re Mr. Clement Parsons Catalogue of Gift Books & wanted further information there on.
- (f) Mr. Lunt who had placed a copy of Home Education in the clerical book club.
- (g) Letters to Mrs. Mason from Mrs. Reilly, Mrs. Hether, Mr. Cullenaden, & Mrs. Sturge, all expressing their appreciation of the Parents Union School.
- (h) Mrs. Seale the wife of a working man, who is taking care of a motherless nephew & who would be glad of old copies of Home Education - It was decided to send copies of the old edict & last Pamphlet promised to send on her Parents Review next month.

Mrs. Frankham read a letter from Mrs. Foster expressing her deep appreciation of the Parents Union School & also a note from Mr. Macmaster saying that Mr. Jennings had been appointed delegate for 1908. for Brighton.

Leaflet for S. African Farms

Mrs. Frankham said that Mrs. Parson had written her which she thought it was quite good but thought that if Mrs. Clement Parsons would look it through & make suggestions, it would be helpful. It was decided that 1000 should be printed - Mr. Lock rough estimate the cost at 17/6.

Propaganda meetings.

Mrs. Frankham, in Mrs. Parson's absence reported that she had spoken at Clarendonwell, Huddersfield & Northwood. Mrs. Parson reported that the Bexhill meeting (report given was held over from the December meeting) had been mismanaged from the beginning & that nothing was ready for the meeting. Mr. Semakini spoke disparagingly of the Union as a Society which worked for its own profit & said that it was useless for Mrs. Parson to have come down unless she was willing there & then to start a Branch & declined to entertain the idea of making Bexhill a sub Branch of S. Leonard's. There were 10 people present & at the conclusion there was an altercation between Mr. Semakini & one of the audience, who considered that Mrs. Bishop had been slighted. This however was not so as Mrs. Bishop had been acquainted with the attempts made at Bexhill.

Northwood to which Lady Campbell & Mr. Frazer has both gone had been most successful and a Branch would certainly be formed there. A letter to Mrs. Paine from Mrs. Rowland Brown asked how reached the office just as the meeting began, was then read stating that a Committee meeting had been held & much business had been done. She also thanked Mrs. Paine for the help she had been in helping to re-organise the Branch. Several letters ^{from various members} were read expressing appreciation of Mrs. Paine's visits & propaganda work. Mrs. Paine had visited Mrs. Lathams School, Harrow Road & it was quite likely that the lower forms would work in the P.H.S.

Branches.

Swinton Mrs. Longdon asked whether the Central Committee would consider that a ^{lecture giving} report of the Pan Anglican Conference would come within the scope of the hour. It was decided that it had a deal to be that if such a lecture were given under different auspices it might be announced at P.H.S. meetings or leaflets handed round. As "Home Education" was one of the books recommended to members attending the Pan Anglican Congress Mrs. Lock was asked to call on the Secretary & ask of arrangements

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could be made for a literature sale at the Congress. Finchley Mrs. Mackenzie reported good meetings. Reading Mr. Haslam said that new President was giving a Conference on Sep. 5th at which Lord Lytton had promised to speak.

May meeting.

Lord Lytton ^{was} arriving he presided at the end of the meeting. Lord Lytton said that the Duke of Westminster had kindly consented to leave Grosvenor House & that May 5th at 3 was a suitable day there. It was decided to fix the meeting at this time & that the Bishop of Worcester should be asked to speak & Lord Lytton consented to take the chair.

Report of Office Year.

Mrs. Lock made the following report.

Incoming letters 6,992. an increase of 1,794.

Outgoing " 7,627

Parcels 2,118.

Revenues: 8,513. an increase of 407.

Conference Receipts £22.12.0 a decrease of £21.16.0

Literature £21.12.5 a decrease of £5.1.11

H. Educ. Series £11.7.2 an increase of £4.15.8

N. Home Books £25.13.2 an increase of £8.1.1

In reply to a query from Mr. Frazer the Secretary said she considered the decrease in literature was due to the poor attendance

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at the Conference.

Finance Budget
Resolution.

It was decided that Mr. Lock should communicate with the Secretary and find out what arrangements would be made for Educational Exhibits - & that the question of exhibiting should be discussed again.

Consideration of
Further Secretarial
Assistance.

Mr. Lock said that Mr. Clement Parsons had been unable to obtain anyone for afternoon work & that Mr. Franklin had telephoned to the Polytechnic Employment Bureau, who had sent up three girls for inspection, two of these were one of the question but the third Mr. Lock had engaged on trial for a month at 7/6 a week, a specimen of her handwriting was handed round for inspection & did not meet with general approval. It was decided that the arrangement should be looked on as temporary for the present, in order to see how it worked.

Other News.

Mr. Lock reported a donation of £5.2.0 from the Bulgarian Branch. The proceeds of Mr. Epps Lecture & 10/- from Mr. Hardy both for the Propaganda Fund. The Secretary reported 31 new Central members & 11 new Parents Review subscribers against 15 Central

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members & 14 subscribers referred.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Monday 4th at 3 p.m.

H. Franklin

March 4. 1908

The Conference Committee, 26 Victoria Street, Feb. 4th 1908 at 4 p.m.

Present.

Lord Lytton (in the chair)

Mrs. Gilmore Barnett.

Lady Campbell

Mrs. Fitz Roy

Mr. Wm. Franklin.

Mr. Howard Gloner

W. Wyllana Huslam.

" Clement Parsons.

" Walter Rea.

D. Helen Webb.

Mrs. Franklin.

Mrs. Lock (Gen. Secretary)

The minutes of the last meeting were taken as read.

Mrs. Franklin introduced Mr. Gilmore Barnett, who represented Bristol, to the Committee & Mr. Barnett then reported that his Committee thought that as the Bishop of Bristol was unable to preach in the Cathedral on Sunday morning that it would be an excellent idea to ask him to give the address of welcome on Friday & that the Mayor & Mayoress & Prof. Lloyd Morgan should be asked to support him. This it was decided to do & Lord Lytton was asked to step in on behalf of the Central

Committee, to the address of welcome.

Mr. Barnett also reported that excellent arrangements had been made with the caterers for luncheons & teas to be provided for members at reasonable rates at the Academy rooms. and that these rooms had been secured for £4.10.0 instead of £10.0.0 as originally suggested.

It had also been proposed by the Bristol Committee that Mr. Tomlin's demonstration should be given at Mr. Davis's reception, which should be held on Saturday evening.

After some discussion the following programme was drawn up.

Friday June 12th 3 p.m. Address of welcome - the Bishop of Bristol
Academy of Arts. Supported by Prof. Lloyd Morgan & the Mayor & Mayoress Reply Lord Lytton.

8.30 p.m. A Child's Inheritance W. Grenville Macdonald
Extempore Choir Lord Lytton.

Saturday 10.30. (1) Joy in Books, (2) P. V. Lucas, (3) Prof. Campana
Academy of Arts. (4) Mr. Maynard, (5) Lady Tennant.

11.45. (6) Joy in the Drama. W. Badley

2.45. Archaeological & Geological walks

4. Garden Party at the High School.

Saturday. 8.30 p.m. Reaphe. at Cleyton College.
 Cleyton College. "Joy in Song" W. Tordella.
 Chant. W. Walter Ford.

Sunday. Evening. Rev. J. Parnatt Maud Vicar of St. Mary Reddy.
 Bristol - at his own church.

Monday. 10.30. W. J. O. Symes.

Academy. 11.45. Spiritual Joy. Mrs. Carla Perry.

of Arts. 2.45. (1) Enthusiasm of Humanity. C. H. Spence G. G.

(2) Joy in Art. Mrs. Parnsh.

8.30 Educational Concert.

Tuesday. 10.30. Adolescence & the Line of Race. Mrs. Hoskyns Althall.

Academy. 11.45. Joy in Activity. Prof. Balducci.

Redlands. 2.45. Rev. H. A. Ward.

School. 3.30. Mrs. Marie L. Shaddock.

Mr. Selma Barnett said that the Bristol Committee would give her a the opening afternoon. Mr. Barnett was asked if the Bishop would take the chair on Tuesday afternoon feeling that the Bishop of Hereford, & that if the Bishop of Bristol were unable to come on this Tuesday he should be asked to take the chair at some other meeting.

Further suggestions for chairs were as follows,
 Lady Tennant, Mr. Walter Rea Mrs. Faithful Perry, Mrs. d.
 Mayan. & Lady Rodswort.

Mrs. Selma Barnett said that she had undertaken to act as hospitalier. Sunday.

The Executive Committee, 26 Victoria Street - L.W. March 4th 1908. 3 p.m.

Present:

Mr. Mr. Franklin (in the chair)

Mr. Fitz Roy

" Jennings

" McVilay

" Walter Read

" Stirling

" Whitaker Thompson

" Zimmerman

Dr. Helen Lebb

Mr. Lock (Gen. Sec.)

Mr. Bond (As. Dir. Sec.)

* Apologies:

In the absence of Mrs. Lytton, Mr. Read prop. & Mrs. Lebb seconded that Mr. Franklin sh^d occupy the chair. Apologies were announced for Mrs. Lytton, Mr. Anson, Lady Campbell, Mr. Glover, Mr. Haslam, Mr. Clement Parsons, & Mr. Rayner.

Finance:

The following financial statement was read:-

* Minutes:

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed, and one of the minutes. Mr. Lock said she had seen the records of the Pau Angled Piques & had noted the question of a book stall - This was her consideration by the Executive Committee of the Congress & the question of letters was left to her to decide. Mr. Lock said the Seculars had promised to put more money into the list of suggested books.

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Assets:

In Bank. 151. 2. 5

" Hand. 10. 0. 0

£ 161. 2. 5

Liabilities

Borwell 35. 6. 2

Pompin 93. 2. 0

Ryman 2. 2. 6

Lee Sal. 5. 16. 8

As by Lee Sal. 10. 0. 0

Clerks 6. 0. 0

J. Cuth 1. 12. 6

Bal. in hand 8. 2. 7

£ 161. 2. 5

Correspondence. (a) Mr. Leek, who gratefully acknowledged the books & Reviews sent to her.

(b) Mr. Sewerking (Beshell) asking for specimen Reviews for distributor in Beshell. The Secretary was instructed to send some.

(c) Mr. Small (Bromley) who said she wished to join after hearing Mrs. Parson's interesting address.

Letter to Branch Secretaries.

Mr. Franklin read a draft of a letter she proposed sending to Secretaries. This letter was quite approved by the Committee.

May meeting.

This Mr. Franklin said, as already announced, that this

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at 10.30 am

had been fixed for May 5th at 3 when Mrs. Little had promised to take the chair & the Bishop of Exeter to speak by the two letters suggested by the Bishop. "Pleasant Thing, a people's recollections" was the one selected & it was decided to print "Thought versus Knowledge" in small type.

General Meeting

It was decided there this on ~~May~~ Apr 8th at 3 p.m.

Franco British

Publication.

A letter from the Women's Employment Bureau was read in which it was proposed to open a Bureau at this Publication, where all information re women's work could be obtained, it was the charge for all Societies who wished to be represented at this Bureau would be £1.1.0. It was decided to pay £1.1.0 of all leaflets of the P. & S. U. were included in this or view at the Bureau.

Art for Schools

Picture.

Mrs. Lock suggested that as this year's picture was the one on which Mrs. Parrot gave her picture last that it might be framed for the office, mounted on linen & with a moveable back so that Mrs. Parrot could take it with her to meetings. It was decided to do this.

Annual Report

Mrs Parrot's Report.

Mrs. Shirley undertook to write this.

Feb 4th Mrs Parrot reported that she had spoken at Darlington to 50 or 60 people & was good Branch possibly suitable for a future Conference four new members joined.

Feb 5th Middlesbrough. A Reading Circle here, the nucleus for a Branch at a future date - there is a desire for a P. U. S. class in another year.

Feb 6th Thirsk 23 present, no new members but sold 10/7 literatures.

Feb 10th 2nd Interview with Mrs. Latham.

Feb 14th Gordon Branch meeting 30 present spoke on H. of Education. There was several school mistresses & a School Inspector present.

Feb 17th Tonbridge meeting at School House about 70 present a very keen desire to form a Branch - W. Dwyer will get a Committee together to start a Branch.

Feb 20th Haver Dab no one came.

Feb 24 Visitation Kew. paid 14 calls.

Feb 27th Bromley - a meeting at the High School 60 present: five new members & possibly 7 more.

Branches.

Darlington the hon. Secretary reported that they

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had much enjoyed Mrs. Parsons lecture.

* Finchley reported steady improvement, the members taking great part in the discussions held after meetings.

* Lyton. D. Knibb of Carlisle had been her guest lecturer at an inaugural meeting here, with the result that a Bazaar had been formed almost at once.

6p10 News.

The Secretary reported 22 new ^{Central} members against 5 discontinued & 11 subscribers to the Parents Review against 3 discontinued. Mr. Lock said she had interviewed so many people, Mrs. Fitcham 23 & that 80 had been called during the month.

* Mr. Mackenlay said that the meeting to which the Brandon Bazaar sent a deputation was not a great success, that not much sympathy was shown to W. Tanod.

Brighton Mr. Jennings reported a good lecture by Mr. Dunn.

The date of the next meeting was proposed for Ap. 8th at 8.30

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April 8 '08

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The Council Meeting, 26 Victoria Street S.W. April 8th 1908.

Present.

Lord Lytton (in the chair)

Hon. Mr. Franklyn

Mr. Hopwood

" Mackenlay

" Clement Parsons.

" Walter Rea.

Miss Helen Webb

Mr. Lock (Sec)

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

Annual Report

The Annual Report having been read by the Secretary, its adoption was proposed by Mr. Franklyn, seconded by Mr. Rea. Carried.

Re-election of Presidents & Vice Presidents

Lord Lytton from the chair proposed the re-election of Presidents and Vice Presidents.

Carried

Re-election of Council

Mr. Fitzroy (by letter) proposed the election of Mrs. Kersey & Mr. Yeatman to the Council, & Mr. Franklyn proposed Mr. Mark Webb. The re-election of the Council with the

addition of Mr Kersey, Mr Leatham & Mr Mark Webb
was proposed by Lord Lytton, seconded by Mr Franklin,
& carried.

Re-election of Lord Lytton from the Chair proposed the re-election of the
Honorary officers. Carried.

Re-election of Executive Committee. There being two vacancies on the Committee Mr FitzRoy
(by letter) nominated Mr Kersey, & Mr Franklin Mr Mark Webb
Lord Lytton from the chair proposed the re-election of the
Executive Committee with the addition of Mr Kersey, and
Mr Mark Webb. Carried.

Lytton
May 5. 1909.

The Executive Committee 26 Victoria Street S.W. April 8th 1908. 9.30 p.m.

Present

Lady Lytton (in the chair)

Lady Campbell

Mr. Gerald Campbell

Mr. Wm. Franklin

Mr. Hopwood

" Mackinlay

" Clement Parsons

" Walter Rea

" Stirling

W. Helen Webb

Mr. Zimmerin

Mr. Lock (Sec.)

Minutes

The minutes of the last letter were read & confirmed.

Apologies were announced from Lady Aberdeen, Mr. Anson, Mr. FitzRoy, Mr. Glover, Mr. Haslam, Mr. Penner, Mr. Schopfeld & Mr. Whitaker Thompson.

Minutes

The following financial statement was read:—

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Assets

Cash in Bank 44 8 10

" " " 10 0 0

54 8 10

Liabilities

Sec. Sal. 5 16 8

As. Org. Sec. Sal. 10 0 0

Clerks Sal. 6 0 0

Junior Clerks 1 12 6

Crowell 30 16 5

Bal. in hand 3 3

54 8 10

The Secretary then read the auditor's letter re the Annual audit. The only point calling for comment was that referring to the question of the book keepers in connection with Parents Union School Books. The Cash received from sales being kept in the office & used to pay Bell's Post Expenses, the remaining sum being entered in the Cash book when a substantial amount has accumulated but no Bell's Cash record of payments is kept. The Secretary said that an adequate system of book keeping would involve much labour & at the same time would necessitate additional help and that the auditor & treasurer while agreed that it was not a good system considered that under existing circumstances the matter might be allowed to stand as it is. In discussing the Secretary said that it really amounted to the question of whether the Secretary Committee trusted her sufficiently to let the matter remain in her hands. A vote of confidence in the Secretary having been passed it

was decided to leave the financial arrangements on the present basis.

- Correspondence (a) The Board of Education sent a series of questions on the Education of Young Girls to which the P.N.S.U. was asked to send replies. It being requested that the answers should be sent in by the end of April the Committee decided that the time was too short to allow of the possibility of obtaining the views of the members, but that if the date of return could be extended until the middle of May it might be possible to answer the queries. Lord Lytton said that if an extension were granted he would draft replies on some of the questions to lay before the next meeting.
- (b) Mr. Barnett (Scottish Mothers Union) asking for P.N.S.U. pamphlets on which it was proposed to base a Course of Reading - also saying that at the Induction Course some of their members hoped to meet P.N.S.U. members & to obtain enlightenment.
- (c) Mr. Paton (Nottingham) asking for his Sons pamphlet "Training a Son in Service of Man". The Secretary stated that he wanted some hundreds of that book consisting of 350 - it was decided to sell him a bag

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number up to 200 at 1s per copy.

- (d) Mrs. Flore Bournemant who had formed a circle of 12 people who shared the Parents' Review.
- (e) The University of Bristol asked for the support & sympathy of the Union in the formation of a new department - a Bureau of Parental Information. The Secretary was instructed to send a letter expressing sympathy with the Scheme & to say that publications should be sent to the Library.

Annual Meeting. The question of the speaking about the Conference at the Annual meeting was discussed - Lord Lytton said that in addition to reviewing the work of the year he would mention the Conference.

Mrs. Panshi's Report. Mr. Franklin read Mrs. Panshi's report of the half year during which she had addressed 61 meetings.

Branches.

Stashings had owing to various causes had no meetings during the year but hoped to ask Mrs. Parrot to speak during May.

Horsham reported a poor Secretary & was little work done.

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Johannesburg was just about to begin the winter session.

Purton had read Mr. Franklin's letter at the last meeting & cards had been sent to members announcing the date of the Annual meeting conference.

Northwood reported that it now had 53 members.

Conference Programme. As this would shortly be in the hands of members it was decided not to read it.

Other News.

Mr. Loch reported 20 new Central members of which 12 were directly due to Mrs. Parson & two new subscribers to the Parents Review. There had been 39 callers in the office & 86 letters. Lady Cameron-Bentley had given £1 to the Propaganda fund at the same time wrote a letter expressing her pleasure at having had Mrs. Parson there. Mr. Somerville (Bromley) had been in to ask that Mrs. Parson should again visit Bromley as there was a great desire to have a lecture on the P.R. as it affects the children.

Next meeting.

This was fixed for May 12th at 4-15.

A vote of Condolence with Mr. Silvester Barnett on

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the sudden death of her husband was passed.

Lady Campbell said she felt sure that we did not do enough with governesses in private families & made our work known to them. It was considered very difficult to reach these governesses but that possibly a meeting might be held if a nucleus could be found. Lady Campbell suggested that notice might be sent to Governors Agencies, Stances & various classes such as Mr. Wordsworth & L. Roddie.

J. Blanche Thompson.
May 12th.

The Executive Committee, 26 Victoria Street S.W. May 12th 1908. 4-4.5 p.m.

This meeting originally called for 4.15 was postponed to 4.45.

Mr. Whitaker Thompson (in the chair at 5 p.m.)

Mr. Mr. Franklin (in the chair at end of meeting)

Mr. Fitz Roy

" Howard Glover

" Kersey

" Macdonald

" Nichol

Mr. Helen Webb

Mr. Wilfred Mark Webb.

Mr. Lock (Sec.)

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

Arising out of the minutes Mr. Lock read a letter from the University of Bristol acknowledging the letter of sympathy sent by the secretary & accepting the offer of the publications of the Union.

Apologies for absence were announced from Mr. Anson, Mr. Sabine, Mr. Longdon, Mr. Clement Parsons, Mr. Walter Boe

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Mr. Stirling & Lord Lytton.

The following financial statement was read; -

<u>Assets</u>		<u>Liabilities</u>	
Cash in Bank	31. 13. 7	Bank (P. Reeves)	34. 9. 8
" " Office	18. 10. 0.	Sec. Salary	5. 16. 8
		Asst. Sec. Salary	10. 0. 0
		Clk. Salary	6. 0. 0
		J. Clk. "	1. 12. 0
		Bal. in hand.	12. 4. 9
	<u>70. 3. 7</u>		<u>70. 3. 7</u>

- Correspondence - (a) Mrs. Rosalind Brown offering to send another motto for the Conference. The Secretary said she had accepted this & the motto was to be "I am, I am, I am, I am".
- (b) Mr. de Souza Colombo who had interested the principal of the ^{best} training College & school in Colombo in the work of the Union & who hoped that Mr. Davis would work on Mrs. Brown's lines.
- (c & d) Lady Charles Beaulieu, Mr. Higgins & Mr. Stirling all expressing their appreciation of Mrs. Davis's lectures.
- (e) Mr. Constable inquiring re the cost of an address in the Parents' Review.
- (f) G. W. Railway Co. who was unwilling to make special

arrangements for the ~~last~~ Bristol Conference.

(h) Mr. Hensley accepting ^{to serve} office in Council & Executive Committee.

(k) Mr. Webb who also accepted

(l) Mr. Yealman who consented to serve on the Council.

(m) Mrs. Hitzel who was in correspondence with Mr. Sells, who is starting a native note book.

(n) Mrs. Fido head of Kindergarten Brooklyn expresses her appreciation of the Parents Review & of the work done by the P.N.U.

Conference.

It was announced that as Mr. Tomlinson had no engagements in England in June he had asked to be released from his promise to speak at the Conference in June. Mr. Frankless said this had caused some re-arranging of the programme. That Mrs. Sheddock had kindly consented to change her hour & would speak on Saturday evening instead of Tuesday afternoon. & that Mr. Ward's boys would sing during the evening.

Annual Meeting

Mr. Lock reported 360 present. Literature had been sold to the value of £1 13. 8

Branches

It was reported that Mr. Walker was resigning the Sunday

Branches Report

Mr. Lock read the following report; -

Apr. 25. Lecture by Clara. Great interest in P.N.U. literature 25/-

Apr. 27. Nourish Lecture on 6 tries. well attended by children

Apr. 28. Lismundham. Interview with Mr. Vernon Westworth re Parents Union School & Students.

Apr. 29. Chedburgh. Explained the workings of the P.N.U. to an untrained governess.

May 6 & 7. 27 visits in Camberwell & neighbourhood.

May 8. Branch meeting St. Leonards. Subject Truthful.

Mr. Lock said this lecture seemed to have roused the Branch to fresh energy & that a new lecture was being arranged for June.

Office News.

Mr. Lock reported 13 new Branch members against one retired & 8 new subscribers for the Parents Review. There had been 56 callers in the office & 117 hails.

Board of Educ.

Letter.

Lora Lyllor who was unable to be present sent a letter saying that she had consulted several people on the questions but that the result of her enquiries were not sufficiently definite or important to send in writing.

Mr. Frankless then read answers drafted by Mrs. Mason - there were

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considered admirable, clear & practical & the secretary was instructed to send these answers to ~~the~~ the Board of Education in Mrs. Mason's name as the Union was such a large body that it was impossible to get the individual opinions of members.

Date of next meeting.

This was fixed for June 24 at 4.30 subject to its being convenient to the chairman.

Other Business

Mr. Franklin said that Mrs. Mason had enlarged the Home Education in a most practical & satisfactory way & that now 38 students could be received. All vacancies for March 1908 & Easter 1907 were filled.

H. Franklin

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The Executive Committee, 26 Victoria Street S.W. June 24th 1908 at 4.30 p.m.

PresentHon^{ble} Mr. Franklin (in the chair)

Mr. Anson.

" Howard Glover.

" Hopwood. Mr. Kersey.

" Rea

" Stirling

W. Helen Webb

Mr. Lock (Secretary)

Mrs. Parson (As Org. Sec.)

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

Reading out of the minutes a letter from the Board of Education was read gratefully acknowledging Mrs. Mason's full answer to the questions asked by the Consultative Committee.

Apologies.

Apologies for absence were announced from Mr. Haslam, Mr. Clement Parsons & Mr. Whyte.

Finance

The Secretary announced that as she had had to draw the cheque paid in the month there were

no financial statement to read but that the balance at the Bank was very low & some cheques would have to be held over.

Correspondence.

- a) Mrs Burfield, Tunbridge Wells who said how much the children in her school liked working on P.U.S. lines.
- b) National Union of Women Workers asking for two delegates to be appointed for the Conference at Aberdeen on Oct 14 & 15. Mr Howard Glover & Mrs Webb were appointed & it was suggested that if Mrs Webb was unable to go her place should be taken by Mrs Franklin. Mr Franklin is one of the invited speakers.

International
Peace
Moral Congress.

It was agreed that Mrs Parish should see the Secretary with a view to having the literature of the Union on Sale.

Conference.

Mr Lock reported that the receipts had been £49. 18 6 (includes) Bades £1. 6 0, Handbooks £1. 12 4 Literature £5. 0 0 prop. Home Publication Series 15/- total £58. 11 10 & that the expenses had been £57. 12 5 of which £10. 0 0 was for the printing of the Handbook.

Several letters of congratulation and appreciation of the Conference were read - Mr Franklin said that she thought everyone who had been present must have realised what a great help Mrs Parish had been at the meetings. Mr. Rea said it was the first time she had attended the Conference in person & that she had enjoyed it enormously. The question of whether the Conference should or should not be held in London next year was touched on but the decision of the point was left to a later date.

The Secretary reported the attendance as on the accompanying programme.

NewPamphlet.

It was decided that Mr. Sykes paper "Parents & Nervous Children" should be published as a pamphlet if Mr. Sykes would consent. It was decided to postpone the reprint of "Home Training" which is now out of print.

Branches.

Notwich. Mr Lock reported that Mr. Mayne intended resigning the Secretaryship, she had seen her & Mr. Mayne was going to see if Mr. Bates the hon. treasurer would take up the work if she received

from the Central office as suggested when Mrs. Parrot was appointed.

Belgravia. The Nature Study lectures have been well attended.

Northwood has numbered over 60 - Mr. Blake Odgers had given a delightful account of the Conference, which had made many desire to be present.

Valuation Committee

It was decided that this should be held in October. The date to be settled later.

Other Business

Mr. Franklin said the British Association had invited the P.N.S.U. to send a delegate to their Conference in Dublin in September. Since Mrs. Parrot would be in Ireland at that time it was decided that she should serve.

Mr. Franklin said that Mr. Lock was going to have 3 months holiday this year on account of ill health.

Office News

Mr. Lock reported 8 new central members & 6 subscribers to the Parents Review. There had been 126 made in the office & 51 callers. She had seen Mr. Somerville of Bromley & there was an idea that the Branch would be started in the autumn.

Mr. Franklin
Oct 8. 1908.

The Local Secretaries' meeting, May 5th, 1908. 5 p.m. at 50 Portobello, Tenagh.

Present

The Hon Mr. Franklin in the Chair.

Mr. Battle (Hyde Park)

Mrs. Case (Brondesbury)

Mrs. Franklin (Hyde Park)

Mr. Gedge (Belgravia)

Mrs. D'Esme Hughes (Kew)

Mrs. Kersey (Belgravia)

Mr. Longdon (Sutton)

Mr. Blake Odgers (Finsbury)

Mr. Price (Sutton)

Mr. Roper (Brondesbury)

Mr. Tees (Dulwich)

Mr. Thomas (Hyde Park)

Mr. Lock (Gen. Secretary)

Mrs. Parrot (Asst. Org. Sec.)

At arising out of the minutes, Mr. Franklin said that it had not been possible to arrange for "Pilgrims Progress" to be held under the joint auspices of the London Branches, but that the Belgravia Branch had organised a performance, which had proved most successful.

The Chairman then remarked that she much regretted that out of the very large number of people asked to this meeting so few comparatively had been able to attend, as she felt that this annual meeting was one which might help Branches very much in the arrangement of their programmes and afforded an opportunity of interchange of thought as to the details of Branch management, since here more than anywhere else the needs of individual experience

was at the disposal of others. She suggested that it might be an advantage to offer to send copies of the minutes of proceedings to every Secretary. Mrs. Case proposed, & Mrs. Stevens seconded the following resolution:

"That the minutes of this & other such meetings should be sent to those Branch Committees who signify their wish to receive them, on payment of the nominal fee of 6."

Carried.

Mrs. Franklin said that the appointment of Mrs. Parish had proved a great success, & that it had resulted in a large increase both of membership & of interest in the Union as a whole. She said that wherever Mrs. Parish had gone most appreciative letters were received with regard to her lectures. She hoped that every Branch would see its way, each year either to have an address from Mrs. Parish to the Branch as a whole, or to organise small meetings for non-members, when each member should be asked to bring at least one non-member to hear the address.

Mrs. Battle said she always found it advisable to bring non-members, who were often too shy to attend meetings of a Society unknown to them without being escorted by a friend.

Mrs. Blake Odgers remarked that it was often difficult to provide in private houses a suitable place for the display of literature. Mrs. Lock said that at the Northwood Branch meetings

a stencilled list of literature on sale was pinned on the wall facing the audience, & that a good sale of literature resulted, as members were easily able to see what was there.

Mrs. Longdon said that she found the method of mentioning one particular pamphlet at each meeting a good one, good sales resulted. She also brought forward the question of lecturers selling their own pamphlets at meetings. It was thought that where the subject matter of the lecture was also that of the pamphlet this was permissible.

Mrs. Teed suggested that names of possible members in a district might be sent in to the Head Office in order that the people could be written to in the name of the whole Union & encouraged to join. She thought this would carry more weight than if they were written to by the local Secretary only.

Mrs. Stevens (Woodford) said that they usually had an attendance of 40 members at lectures, but that few members took in the Parents' Review. Great stress was laid on the desirability of inducing members to take in the Review, as in addition to the fact that thereby they heard of the doings of other Branches & read admirable ~~speeches~~ papers, as well as receiving helpful advice as to books, music &c., if they moved away from the neighbourhood to a place where there was no Branch, they still had a link with the Union.

Local Secretaries were asked to communicate immediately to Mr. Lock the names & addresses of members going to neighbourhoods where there are no Branches, in order that the members could be asked to join the Central, be put in touch with isolated members in the neighbourhood.

Mr. Symonds said that it was proposed to hold a garden meeting in the summer & to ask Mrs. Parry to speak.

Secretaries said that members were often dissatisfied with the subjects chosen for lectures. To obviate this Mr. Lock suggested that before the last meeting of the season members should have notices sent to them asking for suggestions for lectures to be given in at the last meeting, & that failing being able to attend a member should send a suggestion in writing, in order that it might be read at the last meeting, & that these suggestions should be considered in the arrangement of the following Programme.

Mr. Franklin thought that the programmes should be arranged as far as possible to deal with all sides of education, & that in each session lectures should be provided which would help parents of children of different ages.

In answer to a question from the Chairman, Mrs. Stevens said that "The Keeping of Sundays", by Miss W. Lewis, and "Nausicaa - an Ideal Girl", by Mrs. Freeman, had both been most successful lectures. Mrs. Blake Gidors said

that a members' debate had proved a great success. Mrs. Jersey said that Belgarda had held interesting Reading Circles, beginning with Mrs. Mason's books. Reading Circles were also held in the Baywater Branch.

Secretaries were again reminded that members of Branches are entitled to use the Lending Library at the Central Office, & that Branches may, if they desire, have parcels of 30 books sent for the use of members.

Mrs. Franklin commented on the letter which she had sent to all Secretaries & hoped that not only the Secretaries but the members of the Committees had seen it. She wished to accentuate the last clause of it, namely, "that any Branch numbering fifty subscribers is entitled to send a representative to the Executive Committee, but that if any Branch numbering less than that number wishes for any special purpose to approach the Executive they are always very glad to receive a Delegation from them."

Mrs. Case remarked that she had never previously realised this privilege.

M. Franklin

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